

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5           A packaged pre-moistened wet wipe comprising a web of nonwoven fibers  
bonded with a water soluble and/or dispersible polymeric binder in contact with an  
aqueous composition which is substantially free of boric acid and contains a sufficient  
amount of a water-binding compound, which preferably is a salt of an organic or  
10           inorganic acid, to prevent the dissolution/redispersion of the water soluble/dispersible  
components of the binder composition while imbuing the nonwoven with a wet tensile  
strength that is at least as great as that afforded by a 4 wt% boric acid solution.

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